

Our Men In Service



SAN ANTONIO — Airman John J. Scales III, son of Mrs. John J. Scales, 80 Reed St., has completed basic training at Lackland A.F.B., Tex. He has been assigned to Keesler A.F.B., Miss., for training in the administrative field. Airman Scales, a graduate of Cathedral High School, Springfield, attended Biscayne College, Miami.



MISS DOROTHEA HUTCHINS

AGAWAM — Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Hutchins of 7 Elsie St., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Dorothea, to Gary Alan Lukas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lukas of 26 Braintree Road, West Springfield.

A July wedding is planned. The bride-elect, a graduate of Agawam High School and Springfield Technical Community College, is employed by Forbes & Wallace as a cosmetologist.

Her fiancé, a graduate of West Springfield High School, graduate in June from Western New England College.



Norman C. Burr, 107 Suffield St., was named to the dean's honor list at Ferris State College, in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Bruce J. Wein, 98 Monroe St., graduated cum laude, receiving his degree as a Doctor of Jurisprudence at Boston U.

Ross Roberts, 48 Mountainview St., graduated a Bachelor of Science, Northeastern U., College of Engineering.

Named to dean's list for spring semester at Holyoke Community College are Brian Haskins, Joyce Haynes, Robert Stoddard, and Arthur Strole.

Agawam Garden Club

The annual family picnic of the Agawam Garden Club will be held Tues., July 8 at Stanley Park, Westfield. Those attending should meet at the park picnic area near the pavilion at 6:15 p.m. As is our usual custom, each club member should bring one dish of any kind of food. Each person should also bring her own silver, but paper cups, plates, and beverage will be furnished by the club.

If you need transportation, contact Mrs. Gustave Benoit, 737-1082. Those who will have room in their cars should let Mrs. Benoit know. After supper, we will tour the perennial and rose gardens of the park. Members are reminded that yearly dues are due now, if still unpaid. Guests are always welcome.

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CONTE TO SPEAK AT GOP CONCLAVE

Congressman Silvio O. Conte will be the principal speaker at a campaign seminar for Republican ward and town committee members, it was announced by S. Lee Miller, chm. of the Hampden Co. G.O.P. Campaign Committee. The seminar will be held on Sat., July 12, at the Cottage Hill Restaurant in Springfield.

Born in Pittsfield, Rep. Conte has continued to maintain his residence in that city until the present time. Following military service in World War II, he was graduated from Boston College and B.C. Law School. In 1949, he began the practice of law in his native city.

Conte's career in public office dates from 1950 when he was elected to the Mass. Senate from the Berkshire District. After being re-elected for 3

additional terms which extended through 1958, he chose to seek higher office. During his 2nd term in the Senate, he was selected as the outstanding young man of the year by the Mass. Chamber of Commerce.

In 1958, the then Senator Conte was elected to represent the 1st Mass. District in the 86th Congress. Successful in each of his bids for re-election, he is now serving his 6th term in the lower house. On more than one occasion, he has been unopposed for a new term and in the 1964 election was nominated by both the Rep. and Dem. parties.

The seminar is open to all individuals who are interested in working for the Rep. Party. Advance res. may be made by contacting Mrs. Barbara Putnam, 2 Bayberry Rd., Wilbraham.

Complete Ban

On Persistent Pesticides Needed

Allen H. Morgan told state legislators Monday that an absolute ban on persistent pesticides is necessary to protect the Mass. environment.

Morgan, who is executive V.P. of the Mass. Audubon Society, identified the persistent pesticides as DDT, dieldrin, endrin, heptachlor and aldrin.

Persistent pesticides have caused widespread death among several species of birds and are involved in the extirpation of peregrine falcons and the drastic declines of ospreys and bald eagles in N.E., he said.

All forms of life are affected by these persistent pesticides, Morgan said. He quoted a report from the World Health Organization in which a Swedish scientist gave evidence that human mother's milk contains twice as much DDT as the acceptable level for other foods.

"While I know of no medical testimony interpreting exactly what this means to human babies," Morgan said, "I am certain that no pediatrician would consider this dosage that passes through one of the most basic links of human life beneficial."

"Despite the pains the average mother takes to see that her baby is guarded from undesirable influences, she can do nothing about this, for she and the child are equally the victims of new environmental developments spawned by human negligence."

Morgan reminded the legislators

sitting on the Special Legislative Committee to Study Pesticides that the campaign to limit pesticide use began in Mass. and involved 2 members of the Audubon Society. The late Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Huckins of Duxbury, he said, inspired their friend, the late Rachel Carson, to write 'Silent Spring.' Mrs. Huckins was the former Olga Owens, one-time literary editor of the old Boston Post.

"I don't know how many legislators have read 'Silent Spring,'" Morgan said, "But the first paragraph in that book reads: 'In a letter written in January, 1958, Olga Owens Huckins told me of her own bitter experience of a small world made lifeless, and so brought my attention sharply back to a problem with which I had long been concerned. I then realized I must write this book.'"

Morgan told legislators: "The fact is: there is no known way to control an uncontrollable substance once it has been released into the environment."

"By this I mean, we are not here to discuss 'safe' or 'controlled' methods of applying these persistent pesticides. Regardless of the good intentions or the degree of care that one exercises in spraying a substance as damaging as DDT, the damage is uncontrollable once that substance has escaped through the spray nozzle."

(Editor's Note: It should be noted that chlordane remains in the ground for 8 to 10 years after application, and is deadly to man, animals, and the earth itself.)

Farmer in a Far-off Land

PART 2—

THE 10 CHICKEN BEGINNING

The village of Rio Verde, where I was a Peace Corps Volunteer, is on the seacoast of Ecuador. It was a village that lived mainly by fishing, but we were very far from market and most fishermen couldn't have earned much more than \$3 a week.

There was subsistence agriculture, too; the main crop was corn, but farmers were limited to about 2 acres of planting, the amount that one man could properly tend in the rainy season when weeds and vines invade the fields like enemy troops.

Corn at harvest time was very cheap, actually cheaper to buy than to raise, and I thought that by introducing animals into the village economy the people could double the value of their corn by running it through chickens or pigs and end up with a cash crop. The people were much too poor to eat the animals themselves; they didn't even eat the eggs their hens laid, but put them on the local market.

That first group of 100 chickens that I brought to town to distribute to the farmers were a complete amazement to the people. At 6 weeks, the "Peace Corps chickens" weighed well over a pound and were already almost as big as fullgrown local birds.

And the feet—*dios mio*, they had never seen such tremendous feet as the great butter-colored feet of these gringo chickens.

But the people were still afraid of them. I had gotten into a hassle with the chief of police in the town who wanted some chickens to raise. I had told him that like everyone else, if he wanted chickens he would have to build a bamboo chickenhouse first; he got insulted and spread the word that he didn't want those weak birds anyway, that being from Miami they would be unable to adjust to the strong tropical climate and anyway, if they did adjust that since they were incubated chickens and had never had mothers to teach them how to be proper chickens they would all soon die of starvation. At any rate, they would never lay eggs.

About a month after I distributed them it look'd for awhile as though he was right because 5 of the chickens came down with cholera and died. No one could understand this. I had vaccinated all the chickens on the proper days against Newcastle. When strangers appeared in town and asked what kind of chickens the farmers had, the farmers proudly answered, "Man, I've got vaccinated chickens," and the strangers, their eyes popping, would stagger back, their lips moving but no sounds coming out.

And now these vaccinated chickens were dying of cholera; how was such a thing possible? All my big talk about viruses and germs and the different kinds of diseases only sunk in about halfway. Their only remedy for sick chickens was lemon juice to be applied either internally or externally.

The first of these first chickens began laying at 5 months of age. The town simply couldn't believe it, and the chief of police in real frustration now began talking about tearing out all the walls on the 2nd floor of his house and turning the area into one great chicken house, and the rest of the town, those who had held back from fear, began going up the river in their canoes and bringing back great lengths of bamboo; they wanted chicken houses, too.

In about 6 months over half the families in town had flocks of chickens and the farmers who had bought the first group had begun expanding the size of their flocks from 10 and 12 to 40 and 50. At the end of my 1st year in the village I almost had to leave; there were so many roosters in town now that you couldn't sleep nights for the racket. It was really terrible, but the farmers loved it. "Oh, my God," one of them told me, "how I love to lie in bed in the early morning and listen to

by Moritz Thomsen

Moritz Thomsen fought in World War II and then was a hog farmer for 20 years near Red Bluff, California. At the age of 50 he joined the Peace Corps and recently returned from four years of service as a Volunteer in Ecuador.

my roosters singing."

The real problem began to become apparent before the first year was out. There wasn't enough corn grown locally nor was there any money available to bring in outside corn to feed the hundreds of chickens who now inhabited the town. The people had been poor too long to be able to handle their new money; with their egg money they bought shoes and pants and medicine for their children and little portable radios and they had more dances on Saturday night. I begged them to set aside a certain percentage to buy corn and to remember that when their chickens were old they would have to be replaced and that they would need capital for this, but the farmers couldn't hear me.

Those first projects, then, while extremely profitable, were not especially successful since they weren't self-generating. After about 10 months of heavy laying the hens went into a molt, the farmers sold them for \$2 apiece in the Esmeraldas market, came home with things out of the stores that they had wanted for years, and the projects died since there was no money for new chickens or the corn to raise them. That 5 or 6 months that it took to raise a chicken until it started paying its way with eggs was a fearful time that required great sacrifices for all my friends.

Corn yield per acre in the leached soil of my village averaged about 12 sacks, so I began to work more toward improving corn production. I brought in selected seed from the experimental farm for the farmers to try. But only my best friend was willing to take the chance. The people lived too close to the very edge of starvation; experimenting with new seed, repudiating the seeds of their fathers and their grandfathers was too tremendous a risk. What if it didn't work? A crop failure could have meant starvation.

But Ramon planted a few rows and I borrowed some land and planted a few rows, and the new seed was very obviously superior; the next year 50 farmers tried it and the last year I was in Rio Verde was the only seed being used.

I wish I could report that we solved all or even some of the problems of raising corn and chickens in Ecuador, but I can't. We made a sort of beginning. About all we did was advance far enough to become aware of the complexity of the whole situation. With increased corn yields we needed better storage facilities, and if we were going to guard a year's supply of corn from harvest time we had to control the weevils and borers who infested the corn from the day it was snapped. There were the problems of getting the concentrate out to the village since we were miles off the one good road in the province; there were problems of marketing the eggs while they were fresh, problems of marketing eggs from different farmers together so that each farmer didn't have to go to town each week. There were problems of getting the eggs to town without breaking them all. We sent them in crates in canoes, but rough seas could break eggs by the hundreds.

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FARMER—continued

There are, of course, answers to all the problems of farm production that plague the poor nations of the world, but as I found out, they are not always apparent. On a personal level my Peace Corps experience was immensely rewarding, but mostly to me. Ideally for the village, I should have been replaced by another volunteer who could have kept working with the people, trying to search out the answers to their problems. There wasn't anybody to send—just as there isn't anybody to send to so many of the Rio Verdes of the world. And that's why Peace Corps is asking farmers and their wives to contribute skills which mean life itself to so many hungry people.

For further information about agricultural Volunteers in the Peace Corps, send a card or note to Ed Pytlík, Room 715, Washington, D.C. 20525.



Weight Watchers Graduation

Worcester, Mass. It was graduation night for a class of losers! — the Tuesday night Girls Club Weight Watchers class. Members completing their 16 week course of carefully planned eating habits and regular attendance at weekly classes were graduated with honors.

The class is conducted by Lecturer Willie Baynes of Spfld., a former student of W.W. who lost 40 pounds under the program.

Each graduate lost a minimum of 20 pounds. All members received the W.W. pin recognition of their achievement upon graduation.

Special recognitions went to Hattie Facen (left) of 53 Maynard St., Spfld. and Gwenn Kelley of 25 Gelinas St., Chicopee. Hattie lost 45 pounds over the 16 week program and went from a dress size of 42 down to an 18 1/2. Gwenn, who lost 40 pounds, changed her dress size from a 22 1/2 to a 15.

Other graduates included Elva Traska of 92 Pioneer Way and Paula Barrows of 59 Rochelle St., both of Spfld. Mrs. Traska at age 69 was the eldest graduate. She achieved a weight loss of 23 pounds. Miss Barrows at age 17 was the youngest member and registered a weight loss of 24 pounds.

Weight Watchers provides a program of carefully planned eating habits and regular attendance at weekly classes designed to enable the overweight person to reach and maintain realistic weight goal. Persons wishing to join W.W. may do so by signing up at any class in their area. A minimum desired weight loss of 10 pounds is required for membership.

New Postal Regulations

The parcel post weight limit will be raised to 40 pounds for shipments between 1st-class PO after July 1, Agawam Postmaster Robert R. DeForge announced today.

The maximum parcel post weight limit will be increased from 30 pounds on shipments between the larger post offices in the 3rd through 8th PP zones (more than 150 miles). On packages sent locally and to offices in PP zones, 1 & 2, the ceiling has been 40 pounds. The maximum size of packages sent between all 1st-class offices remains 72 inches in combined length and girth.

The size limit on parcels sent to or from smaller offices, rural or star

HOLIDAY on the HIGHWAY

BOSTON — Independence on the highways can result in some deadly fireworks, the A.L.A. warned in a 4th of July holiday safety message.

"Drivers who declare their highway independence by throwing caution to the wind and disregarding other drivers endanger themselves, their passengers and innocent motorists," Philip C. Wallwork, A.L.A. safety director, said.

"The threat of these dangerous drivers becomes greater during peak traffic periods such as the long 4th of July holiday weekend when millions of motorists head to vacation areas.

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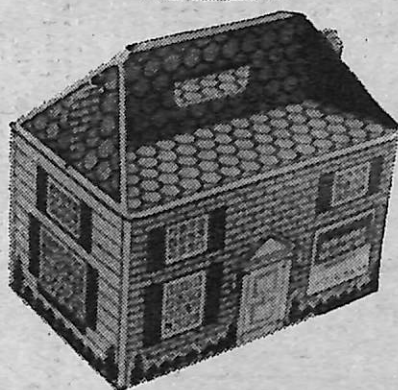
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bass guitarist.

Eaton and Dennis Yost, the lead
vocalist, formed the original group,
when they were in high school in their
hometown of Jacksonville, Fla. Rhythm
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The other members of the Classic IV
are Ken Venable at the drums, Dean
Daughtry on the organ, and Auburn
Burrell, who joined the group a little
over a year ago. He replaced James
Cobb, who wrote the group's top hits
with Buddy Buie, but left the group to
remain in Atlanta to concentrate on
his songwriting.

State Auditor Thaddeus "Ted"
Buczko will participate in the 300th
Anniversary Parade celebrating the
founding of Westfield, Sun., July 6.
Buczko, during World War II, served
in the Navy in the Asiatic-Pacific
theatre of operations. He served during
the Korean War in the U.S. Army as a
unit tank commander. Buczko holds
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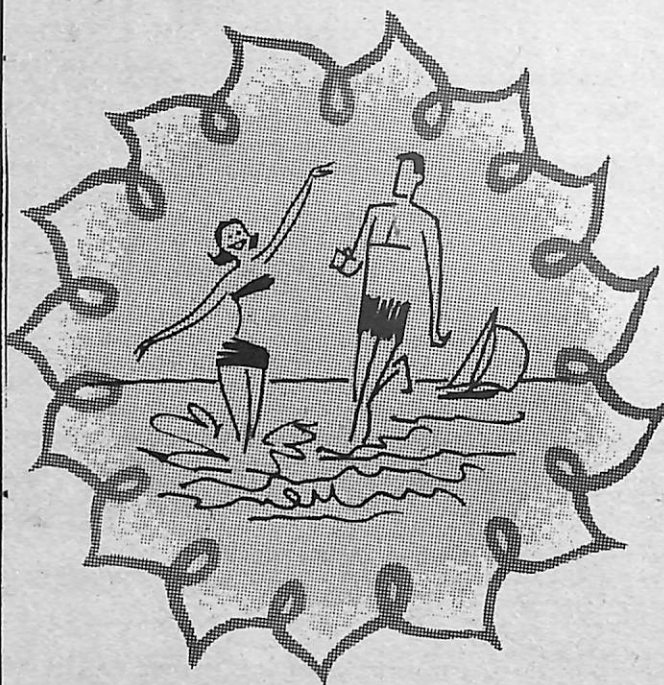
An analysis by the Automobile
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have risen from \$94 million in 1958 to
\$158 million last year. Included are
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miscellaneous user charges.

The study as reported by Eugene G.
Wagner, AMA regional govt. relations
and info. representative, shows annual
tax receipts from the sale of motor fuel
climbing from \$70 million to \$119
million in the 10-year period.

Wagner pointed out that Mass. also
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FURIONI otherwise DIANA J. DREW
FURIONI praying for a modification of a
decree of this Court dated November 25,
1964, all as more fully set forth in said
petition.

If you desire to object thereto you or your
attorney should file a written appearance in
said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock
in the forenoon on the twenty-second day of
July 1969, the return day of this citation.
Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH,
Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this
twenty-third day of June 1969.
JOHN J. LYONS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
HAMPDEN SS

PROBATE COURT
To all persons interested in the estate of
GEORGE ALFRED GIROUX otherwise
GEORGE A. GIROUX late of Agawam in
said County, deceased.

The executrix of the will of said
GEORGE ALFRED GIROUX otherwise
GEORGE A. GIROUX has presented to
said Court for allowance her first and final
account.

If you desire to object thereto you or your
attorney should file a written appearance in
said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock
in the forenoon on the twenty-fifth day of
July 1969, the return day of this citation.
Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH,
Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this
twenty-fourth day of June 1969.
JOHN J. LYONS, Register.

July 3, 10, 17.

Prune Flowering Trees & Shrubs Now

"For the appearance and health of
our flowering trees and shrubs, prune
them now," says the Mass.
Nurserymen's Assn. Early flowering
trees such as dogwoods, magnolias,
and crabapples and shrubs such as
lilacs, spirea, bush honeysuckle,
forsythia and mock orange have either
finished or almost finished flowering
for this year and have not yet formed
flower buds for next year. A careful
pruning now or as soon as your plants
have dropped their flowers will
encourage strong shoots and better
flowering next spring.

Be selective in your pruning. Decide
in advance if you want your plants to
have a natural or a sheared appearance
and cut accordingly. The first step in
pruning should be the removal of all
dead, diseased or injured branches.
When branches are to be removed,
they should be cut flush with a lower
branch or buds. All breaks in the bark
or wounds over one inch in diameter
should be treated with a tree-healing
paint to protect the inner wood from
insects and diseases. Weak exterior
branches should be thinned out to
allow the proper growth of main
branches and interfering or rubbing
branches should be eliminated to
prevent damage to the bark.

Old heavy stems of flowering shrubs
tend to lose their vigor and produce
few flowers. They should be removed
at the base of the plant to allow for
new vigorous growth. A good guideline
is to remove the oldest 1/3 of the plant
each year so that no stems are ever
more than 3 years old.

Beyond pruning to maintain the
health of the trees and shrubs, there
will be instances where pruning is
necessary to maintain the proper size
and shape of individual plants. Each
tree or shrub species has a form that is
characteristic of that species. Check
with your local nurseryman about the
correct shape for your plant and try to
maintain that natural form or shape in
your pruning. Occasionally side
branches of trees will tend to turn
upward and challenge the main trunk
for dominance of the crown. These
branches should be pruned back or
removed completely. Pruning the tips
of lateral or side branches will help
force height growth.

Vigorous growing shrubs such as
lilac, forsythia and mock orange often
produce long unbranched shoots that
give the plants an ungainly
appearance. These shoots should be
headed back or pruned at uneven
heights during June to encourage side
branching and to give a more natural
rather than a sheared appearance to
the shrubs.

Some shrubs such as weigelia, lilac,
mock orange and rhododendron
produce large quantities of seed which
require much of the plant strength. If
the flower heads are removed by
clipping, stripping, or pruning
immediately after flowering, this plant
energy can be used for new growth and
the setting of flower buds for next year.

Your flowering trees and shrubs
need and deserve the best care you can
give them. By pruning them now, after
they have finished flowering for the
year, you are helping them grow into
healthy and more beautiful plants.

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